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Deputy Joan Collins  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**Re: PQ 10964/21 To ask the Minister for Health the positivity rate of Covid-19 in meat factory workers and fruit picking workers.**

Dear Deputy Collins

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Data for Serial Testing of Staff in Food / Meat Production Facilities below, from August 2020 to present:

- 89 Facilities Tested
- 130,814 Swabs
- 1,105 Detected Cases (0.84% Detection Rate)

There is no Serial Testing in Fruit Picking Facilities. If you require anything further please just let us know.

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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